

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 24-26 as follows:

24. A method for the lubrication of the lubricating stations of a machine by pumping lubricant under pressure via lines to the lubricating stations, comprising:

(A) operating the pump to produce pressure in the lines that intermittently rises above a predetermined pressure level,

(B) initiating lubricant flow to the lubricating stations when the pressure in the lines exceeds said predetermined pressure level,

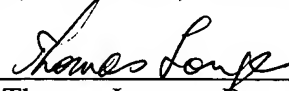
(C) interrupting the lubricant flow to the lubricating stations when the pressure in the lines is below said predetermined pressure level, and

(D) cyclically repeating the sequence of (A), (B) and (C) so that the lubricating stations receive pulses of lubricant over a given period of time.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein flow of lubricant to the lubricating stations is interrupted when the pressure in the lines drops to a particular pressure level different from said predetermined pressure level.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein the pump is operated by a stepper motor, and said step (A) comprises activating the stepper motor to move incrementally so as to have brief resting periods.

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